

## **2026 Gippsland Championships** **Competition Information**

### **1. Gippsland Contact**

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### **2. Venue**

Aqua Energy  
Guthridge Street, Sale

### **3. Competition dates**

Saturday, March 7, 2026  
Sunday, March 8, 2026  
Monday, March 9, 2026

website: [www.gippslandswimming.org.au](http://www.gippslandswimming.org.au)

### **4. Event Merchandise/Pop Up Shop**

Please see GSI Facebook posts in the lead up to the event

### **5. Venue Opening Hours**

Friday March 6 from 4:30pm – 6:00pm for marquee set up and pass collection  
Saturday – Monday from 7am for warmup at 7:15am.

### **6. Admissions and ticketing**

Tickets (required) at \$10 per day for Adults and \$5 per day for Seniors/children and concession card holders, are available for pre purchase on [Swim Central](#). Lists will be checked upon entry to the centre. Swimmer entry is free. Those with Concession tickets must show card. Further ticket sales will be available for sale at the venue, however, pre purchase is encouraged and preferred.

### **7. Event Access**

Via Guthridge Parade entry only.

### **8. Event Registration and Marquee set up**

Clubs may collect swimmer passes (in one package) collect pre purchased spectator passes and purchase passes from 4:30-6pm on Friday from the outdoor pool entrance. Marquees may be set up at that time as per the direction of the attendant.

## 9. Qualifying times

All Open events carry a qualifying time. All other events require no previous achievement.

## 10. Age

Age as of March 7, 2036

## 11. Eligibility

Swimmers must qualify under the GSI bylaws governing eligibility – both residential/registration and competition. Swimmers must have competed in 3 local GSI meets held from August 31 (GSI Meet 1 Morwell) to February 23 (GSI Meet 13 Moe). Including 2025 Country Junior District Competition. Bylaws G1a-d set out eligibility requirements.

## 12. Entries

Entries are to be completed via SwimCentral  
Attendees are monitored to ensure all qualifications are met.  
Individual entries close at 9:00pm Wednesday, February 23.  
Relay entries close at 9:00pm on Thursday, February 24.  
No late entries will be accepted.

## 13. Distance Events

The last (fastest) heat of the 200M and 400M events will be swum as part of the finals program. Previous times from the morning session will count amongst the top 8 times.

## 14. Opening ceremony Saturday, March 7 - 2:30pm for 2:45pm

The Athlete's Oath will be read by 2025 Men's and Women's champions.

Athlete's Oath – Ashley Nicholes and Rahni Matheson  
"In the name of all competitors we swear that we will take part in the  
Gippsland Swimming  
Championships in loyal competition, respecting the regulations that govern them,  
and desirous of participating in them in the true spirit of sportsmanship  
for the glory of sport and for the honour of our club."

The Officials Oath will be ready by GSI Technical Official and Vice President Matt Saario

Official's Oath –

“In the name of all officials, I promise that we will officiate in these Championships, with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them in the true spirit of sportsmanship.”

**15. Marshalling**

Marshalling is set up in the area on the hill behind the start blocks. Athletes to inform marshal of attendance and will be instructed by the check starter to move behind the blocks once the event ahead of them has entered the water.

Swimmers are required to report to the check starter, as per current SV guidelines:

50m and 100m events - at least 5 heats prior

200m events - at least 3 heats prior

400m events – As per GSI 400m guidelines

**16. 8/Under Relay** event 87 may be all girls, all boys, Mixed 1/3 or 2/2. Records (except Event Record) available for all girls, all boys and 2/2 Mix only. One set of medals for this event.

**17.Event 3-6 - 25/O and 35/O** - will be swum as a timed final in the Finals program and divided into 25/O and 35/O for points. 35/O Swimmers wishing to be included in both events must enter both events.

**18.Event 130 Mixed Para/Able** no points, 2 x para swimmers and 2 x able bodied can be mixed clubs will be swum as a 'staggered start event'.

**19.Withdrawals**

Withdrawals on event day can be done by letting the check starter know as per marshalling guideline. If known prior to the event or heat session commencement, please advise the Technical Director.

**Withdrawal from Finals**

- A competitor wishing to withdraw from a final must do so in writing, signed by the competitor, or their authorised representative, within thirty minutes of the posting of the list of finalists for that event.
- A competitor not having withdrawn as specified, and who does not compete in the Final shall be deemed a late withdrawal and ineligible to compete in their next individual race at the same competition. If the

competitor is not entered in any subsequent races at that competition, then GSI may impose such sanction on the competitor as GSI sees fit.

- The penalties for a late withdrawal may be reviewed if there are medical grounds or other circumstances beyond the competitor's control.
- **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> placed swimmers, where listed, will also need to withdraw from Finals.**
- A competitor who is added to an event final following the withdrawal of another Competitor, and who can show that he was unaware of the change may claim hardship.
- Withdrawal forms will be available at the announcer's table and with the Technical Director.
- Completed withdrawal forms should be lodged with the Technical Director/Recording.

## **20. Backstroke Events**

Backstroke events require a feet first entry into the pool.  
Backstroke ledges will be in use at this event.

## **21. Protests (GSI ByLaws)**

**L1A.** Protests are possible:

- a) if the rules and regulations of the competition are not observed
- b) if other conditions endanger the competitors and/or spectators
- c) against decisions of the referee however, no protests shall be allowed against decisions of fact.

**L1B.** Protests must be submitted:

- a) to the referee in charge
- b) in writing
- c) by the swimmer(s) or authorised representative of the swimmer(s)
- d) together with the prescribed deposit
- e) within thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.

**L1C.** If the conditions causing the protest are noted prior to the competition, the protest must be lodged before the starters signal is given.

**L1D.** All protests must be considered by the Referee in Charge. If the Referee rejects the Protest, the Referee must state reasons. The protestor may appeal against the rejection to a Jury of Appeal whose decision is final.

**L1E.** If the protest is rejected the deposit will be forfeited. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be returned.

**L1F.** A Jury of Appeal where possible, shall consist of a qualified referee plus two (2) other members.

## 22. Relay Events

For all Team events, a team list must be provided on entering the Championships. Relay team sheets (**changes only**) must be submitted to the **Technical Director at least one hour prior** to the starting time of the **session** in which the event is to be swum.

Relay team sheets are available from the Announcer's Table/Technical Director. Clubs must clearly indicate letter name of teams (A, B, etc) on the team list.

Relay team members need to swim in the **order listed** on the team sheet.

## 23. Multi Class events

Results are determined by the Australian Para Points system.

The swimmer with the highest points in each event is awarded first place, therefore the first to finish may not necessarily be the winner.

## 24. Medal Presentations

- In the finals session, all competitors will be led onto pool deck prior to being introduced at the starting blocks. There will generally be a presentation of medals for the previous event. The swimmers will then be introduced, prepare to swim and the race will begin.
- At the conclusion of the event place getters are to remain at the start end of the pool, dry off and get dressed for presentation of medals. A presentation Official will be in the area to assist. **DO NOT** go for a swim down. Medals will be presented as soon as possible once the following event has been swum.
- Dress requirements for medal presentations are tracksuit (preferably Club) or Club t-shirt with appropriate tracksuit pants or shorts. Footwear is optional. Towels and/or head wear are not to be worn.
- We request the cooperation of all swimmers and coaches in the presentation of medals. Medal presentations will be held as soon as possible after the results have been published. Place getters should proceed directly to the presentation area.

## 25. Results

Results will be announced as available, will be on Meet Mobile and displayed on the windows of the pump shed

## **26. Trophies and Awards**

Several GSI trophies and Shields will be awarded prior to the Finals on Day 2 and 3 and as part of the Award ceremony after the Championships.

### **Day 2 Before the Finals**

- Faye Staughton Shield for Open Swimming GSI Summer fixture presented by a representative of EGWD
- Jacqueline Madden Shield for Interclub Swimming GSI Summer fixture presented by a representative of SALE Swimming Club
- Tom Osborne Meet Shield presented by the Sale Swimming Club
- Don Coupe Memorial Shield presented by the Moe Swimming Club
- Con Amalos Shield presented by the Morwell Swimming Club

### **Day 3 Before the Finals**

- Geoff Peterson Memorial Trophy for the Most Outstanding Swimmer in the Gippsland Swimming Fixture
- Jeremy Saunders Trophy for the Most Outstanding Senior Swimmer Outside Gippsland
- Noelle Brajkovic Trophy for the Most Outstanding Junior Swimmer Outside Gippsland

### **Day 3 Conclusion**

- Alan Godfrey Encouragement for Boys
- Jane Mitchell Encouragement for Girls
- Alan Harlow Trophy Most Outstanding Female 14 & Under Swimmer at the Gippsland Championships
- Alan Harlow Trophy Most Outstanding Male 14 & Under Swimmer at the Gippsland Championships
- Charles Ford Memorial Trophy Male Gippsland Champion
- Jewell Family Trophy Female Gippsland Champion
- Brian Ford Relay Shield

- Ashley Delaney Trophy Gippsland 14 & Under Champion Club
- Ken and Pat Hewat Trophy Gippsland Champion Club

## **27. Points Score**

**GSI By Law G18** In the Championships the individual swimming and relay events scoring for the “Gippsland Champion Club Swimming” shields shall be: -

1st. 9 points   2nd 7 points   3rd. 6 points   4th. 5 points  
5th. 4 points   6th. 3 points   7th. 2 points   8th. 1 point.

# GIPPSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY 1 7/03/26

**Venue:** Lex Glover Aquatic Guthridge Street Sale

## GIRLS EVENT

1. MC 50M  
3. 25/35 & Over 50M  
7. Open 200M

**Q.TIMES Girls 3:20 Boys 3:00**

9. 13/14 Years 200M  
11. 11/12 Years 200M  
13. 15/16 Years 100M  
15. 17 & Over 50M  
17. 8 & Under 50M  
19. Open 400M

**Q.TIMES Girls 5:30 Boys 5:00**

21. 11/12 Years 100M  
23. 13/14 Years 100M  
25. 15/16 Years 200M  
27. 17 & Over 50M  
29. 8 & Under 50M  
31. 9/10 Years 50M  
33. Open 200M

**Q.TIMES Girls 3:05 Boys 2:45**

35. 13/14 Years 100M  
37. 17 & Over 4X50M  
39. 10 & Under 4x50M  
41. 16 & Under 4x50M  
43. 12 & Under 4x50M  
45. 35 & Over 4x50M  
47. Open 4x100M

## BOYS EVENT

2.  
4.  
8.

Freestyle  
Freestyle  
Breaststroke

Freestyle  
Ind. Medley  
Butterfly  
Butterfly  
Butterfly  
Freestyle

10.  
12.  
14.  
16.  
18.  
20.

Freestyle  
Breaststroke  
Freestyle  
Backstroke  
Backstroke  
Backstroke  
Butterfly

22.  
24.  
26.  
28.  
30.  
32.  
34.

Backstroke  
Medley Relay  
Freestyle Relay  
Freestyle Relay  
Medley Relay  
Freestyle Relay  
Medley Relay

**OFFICIALS 8:00am**

**MARSHALLING 8:15am**

**COMMENCES 8:30 am**

### Entry Conditions:

1. ON LINE ENTRIES ONLY
2. Individual Entries \$10
3. Relay Entries \$10
4. Spectator entry on swim central
5. Individual Entries close 23/02/26 Relay entries close on 24/02/26 **No late entries**
6. Entries regulated by By-Laws Section G.
7. Please note, only the top 16 times will be accepted in the 400M IM and Freestyle events. (Bylaw G5) Swimmers who are outside the qualifying time will be notified.
8. The last (fastest) heat of all individual 200m Open events will be swum in the finals session
9. Relay events will be swum as time trials as part of the Finals Program.
10. 8/U relays may be all girls, all boys, Mixed 1/3 or 2/2. Records (except Event Record) available for all girls, all boys and 2/2 Mix only. One set of medals for this event.
11. Event 130 Mixed Para/Able no points, 2x para swimmers and 2x Able Bodied can be mixed clubs Staggered Start.
12. Enter online through Swim Central

**FINALS TO BEGIN AT 3PM**

## GIPPSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY 2

**Venue:** Lex Glover Aquatic Guthridge Street Sale

<b>GIRLS EVENT</b>				<b>BOYS EVENT</b>	
49.	11 & Over	50m	Freestyle	50.	
51.	12 & Under	200M	Freestyle	52.	
53.	Open	200M	Backstroke	54.	
<b>Q.TIMES</b>				<b>Girls 2:55</b>	<b>Boys 2:45</b>
55.	8 & Under	50M	Freestyle	56.	
57.	9/10 Years	50M	Freestyle	58.	
59.	17 & Over	50M	Breaststroke	60.	
61.	MC	50M	Backstroke	62.	
63.	13/14 Years	100M	Butterfly	64.	
65.	Open	100M	Freestyle	66.	
<b>Q.TIMES</b>				<b>Girls 1:14</b>	<b>Boys 1:09</b>
67.	15/16 Years	100M	Backstroke	68.	
69.	17 & Over	200M	Freestyle	70.	
71.	11/12 Years	100M	Breaststroke	72.	
73.	Open	400M	Ind. Medley	74.	
<b>Q.TIMES</b>				<b>Girls 6:10</b>	<b>Boys 5:30</b>
75.	8 & Under	50M	Breaststroke	76.	
77.	9/10 Years	50M	Butterfly	78.	
79.	17 & Over	50M	Freestyle	80.	
81.	15/16 Years	100M	Freestyle	82.	
83.	13/14 Years	200M	Ind. Medley	84.	
85.	Open	100M	Breaststroke	86.	
<b>Q.TIMES</b>				<b>Girls 1:37</b>	<b>Boys 1:30</b>
87.	Mixed 8 & U	4x50M	Freestyle Relay.		
88.	Mixed Open	4x50M	Medley Relay		
89.	12 & Under	4x50M	Freestyle Relay	90.	
91.	16 & Under	4x50M	Medley Relay	92.	
93.	14 & Under	4x50M	Medley Relay	94.	
95.	17 & Over	4x50M	Freestyle Relay	96.	

**OFFICIALS 8:00am**

**MARSHALLING 8:15am**

**COMMENCES 8:30 am**

**FINALS PLANNED TO START AT 3.00pm**

SWIMMERS PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE DIVING IN YOU MAY  
START IN THE WATER

## GIPPSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY 3

**Venue:** Lex Glover Aquatic Guthridge Street Sale

### GIRLS EVENT

97. MC 50M  
99. Open 100M

**Q.TIMES Girls 1:27 Boys 1:20**

101. 10 & Under 200M  
103. 11/12 Years 100M  
105. 15/16 Years 200M  
107. 17 & Over 200M  
109. 13/14 Years 100M  
111. 9/10 Years 50M  
113. Open 200M

**Q.TIMES Girls 3:00 Boys 2:50**

115. MC 50M  
117. Open 100M

**Q.TIMES Girls 1:27 Boys 1:20**

119. 11/12 Years 100M  
121. 15/16 Years 100M  
123. Open 200M

**Q.TIMES Girls 2:40 Boys 2:25**

125. 14 & Under 4x50M  
127. Mixed Open 4x50M  
128. 10 & Under 4x50M  
130. Mixed Open Para/Able 4x50M  
131. Open 4x100M

### BOYS EVENT

98. Butterfly  
100. Butterfly

102. Ind. Medley  
104. Backstroke  
106. Ind. Medley  
108. Ind. Medley  
110. Freestyle  
112. Breaststroke  
114. Individual Medley

116. Breaststroke  
118. Backstroke

120. Butterfly  
122. Breaststroke  
124. Freestyle

126. Freestyle Relay  
129. Medley Relay  
132. Freestyle Relay

**OFFICIALS 8:00am**

**MARSHALLING 8:15am**

**COMMENCES 8:30 am**

**FINALS PLANNED TO START AT 2.00pm**

SWIMMERS PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE DIVING IN YOU MAY  
START IN THE WATER